

## The “Born Again” Project

**Born Again** is... **WolfStone Ranch's musical outreach** to the world for the purposes of **building the WolfStone community...** AND **helping to rescue our Mother Earth and ALL her “children”**... all plants and animals, including our own species.

**Born Again** is... **NOT just WolfStone's band** (to be called “**Circle of Heroes**”) performing for a passive audience, **but also a community drum circle**, in which our audiences will be actively making music WITH us! Which means that, rather than featuring instrumental solos, we will instead break out into an extended community drum session in the middle (*or at the end*) of every song!

**Born Again's** main goal is **building HEALTHY communities through breaking down walls and building bridges.** But we don't wanna just “sell” you on the idea, we want you to experience it! We don't wanna just encourage you, we wanna change your lifestyle! We don't want you to be just an online virtual activist, we want you to actually get out into the real world and connect ~ hand-in-hand and heart-to-heart ~ with other activists working together to change the world!

Which is why, **at all our concerts, we'll have a Circle of Heroes Activist Tent...** because for us “**Circle of Heroes**” means all those super-duper heroes who are already giving so much of themselves to make our world kinder, safer and healthier for ALL living beings... an activist tent (*or large room*) filled with booths (*or tables*) of all the pro-community, social-justice and eco-justice organizations who have chosen to join us at any given event. There, you can pick up literature and get to know their causes and representatives, many of whom may be your neighbors (*at least for the local groups*)... What better way to help build healthy, thriving communities than by getting involved in a cause (*or two*) that you care deeply about?! What better way to become a SUPER-DUPER HERO yourself?!

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You're here now... either because I've reached out to you (*or your organization*)... or because you've heard about this spiritually-based, interactive, musical (**and**

**video**) project, and are curious to learn more about it. Either way, as founder and director of **WolfStone Ranch**, and creator and director of the **Born Again** project, I'm looking for people who wanna help me "**put this show on the road**"!

Now, because this project is very "*meta*" (*very self-referential*), there's not too much that I need to tell you before you dive into this demo... but there are a few things I think you really should know up front...

**ONE...** You can either READ the DEMO ~ the script as well as the lyrics ~ AND/OR you can LISTEN to it all. The SONG LINKS you will hear, however, are recordings of these songs that I wrote AND RECORDED 20-plus years ago. (*Yes, I sang all the vocal parts and played all the instruments*). However, **I will NOT be performing as a SINGER or MUSICIAN in this production**. Instead, I will be the one speaking (reading/performing) the (autobiographical) script (except where otherwise noted). I originally thought of the role as the "*Master of Ceremonies*" but as I developed the script over the last couple of years, I came to see the role as more of a character known as "**The Messenger**" ... you'll soon see what I mean...

All of which means that... **I am looking for singers, musicians** (*including several drummers and percussionists*) **and videographers...** as well as all **support crews** (*production, stage, publicity, administration, networking, fundraising, etc.*)

**TWO...** But I am **ALSO** looking for people who are interested in **OTHER** areas of **WolfStone Ranch's** multifaceted Vision... first and foremost, **Animal Rescue**. By which I mean that... because I'm (*as always*) performing ALL the daily animal care here at **WolfStone** all by myself... **I will need gifted and experienced people to step in to take excellent care of our rescued dogs and cats, to keep them safe and sound, healthy and happy,** whenever I'm involved in pre-production (*meetings and rehearsals*)... but then, of course, also whenever we're performing locally or on the road. And if you ALSO check out the **WolfStone** Home and Vision pages, you'll find other areas in which you might wish to get involved!

(FYI, **WolfStone Ranch** has consistently been blessed with a handful of passionate and generous donors ~ although most of them live out-of-state ~ for our animal rescue mission, but I've only rarely been graced with any local hands-on volunteers to help with animal care.)

**THREE...** I will be assembling this band ~ and crews ~ from all of the wildly diverse communities I reference in the opening **Manifesto**! (Because we will, of course, “practice what we preach” 😊) To be more specific, I will be reaching out to Christian, Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu (as well as Sikh, Baha’i, Taoist, Confucian, etc.) and interfaith communities... the humanist, the atheist and the pagan communities... the indigenous tribal communities around the world... ethical societies... all kinds of social-justice, animal-justice and eco-justice organizations... as well as any and all races, ethnicities and cultures... to intentionally include all minority and marginalized communities... with a notable outreach to Native American, immigrant and refugee, LGBTQIA+ and disabled communities. ALSO I will be reaching out to colleges and universities.

**FOUR...** I think it’s pretty important that you know... **“this is not my first rodeo”**, as the old cliché goes. I was a professional musician (based in Los Angeles) long before I founded **WolfStone Ranch**... and I worked not just as lead singer, but also as co-manager (AND road manager) of the Contemporary Classical ensemble that I performed and toured with, as well as helping to produce all of our recordings. In other words, I’m not just an animal rescuer who has suddenly decided to start a brand new career as a singer/songwriter... and it’s not even my first foray into the musical expression of spiritually-based activism! (see **wolfMASS** in my bio)!

**FIVE...** I’m including herewith a **Concert Flyer** as something of an “elevator pitch” ~ a “snapshot” of my Vision for this **Born Again** production.

**SIX...** Each day that we do the hard but rewarding work of Breaking Down Ugly Walls and Building Beautiful Bridges, we will be creating a new American culture based on what I’m calling **“Golden Rule Activism”**... that is, building a local (then national) community based on an ethos of profound and genuine mutual respect, kindness and compassion (**Love in Action**). And from there, we can take our Golden Rule culture and community on the road with the goal of inspiring the rest of the world to join us! Put another way... There are countless heroic individuals, communities and organizations all around the world who are already tackling all kinds of rescue, healing, restoration and justice work... **DUH** 😊 ...and we want to join forces with all of them! Because we all need all the help we can get in this virtuous crusade, right?!

And thus, Inshallah, we can play a major role in saving our Mother Earth and ALL her children... *Mitakuye Oyas'in* (all my relatives) ~ not just her most dangerous and destructive children, we humans!

Finally, after reading and listening to this demo... IF or WHEN you are interested in exploring the possibility of getting involved in any capacity, please get in touch with me!            [jess@wolfstoneranch.org](mailto:jess@wolfstoneranch.org)            (573) 218-8414

Shalom Aleichem...Peace Be with You

Namaste... I Bow to the Divine in Each of You

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\*but mostly I felt like I just took dictation from the Sacred